

### Amendments to the Specification

At specification page 1, before the paragraph beginning with "[t]his is a nationalization of," insert the following heading:

#### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

At specification page 1, before the paragraph beginning with "[t]he invention relates to," insert the following headings:

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

##### 1. Field of Invention

At specification page 1, replace the paragraph beginning with "[t]he invention relates to" with the following replacement paragraph:

The invention relates to a method of producing a fire-retardant veneer or the like material or material composite ~~according to the preamble of claim 1~~ that is dried by the influence of heat.

At specification page 1, replace the paragraph beginning with "[a] further subject matter of the invention" with the following replacement paragraph:

A further subject matter of the invention is a veneer produced according to the aforementioned ~~method of claim 1.~~ An

object of the invention is the production of a veneer or the like material which is flame-resistant.

At specification page 1, before the paragraph beginning with "US 4 247 322 A," insert the following heading:

2. Description of the Prior Art

At specification page 2 before the paragraph beginning with "[t]he object mentioned above is obtained," insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At specification page 2, replace the paragraph beginning with "[t]he object mentioned above is obtained" with the following replacement paragraph:

The object mentioned above is obtained by the ~~measures~~ according to the characterizing part of claim 1 features of the invention described herein.

At specification page 5 before the paragraph beginning with "[f]urther characteristic features of the invention," insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

At specification page 5 before the paragraph beginning with "[a]ccording to Fig. 1," insert the following heading and paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

At specification page 7, after the last line, insert the following paragraph:

The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.

At specification page 8 (i.e., the first claims page), replace the heading with the following replacement heading:

~~Claims~~ WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: